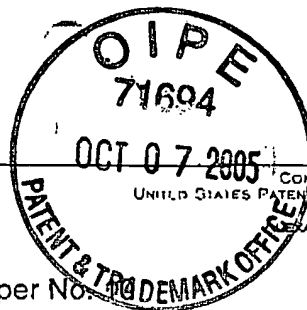




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In re Application of  
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Application No. 10/179,373  
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Title of Invention: T1R  
HETERO-OLIGOMERIC TASTE RECEPTORS  
AND CELL LINES THAT EXPRESS SAID  
RECEPTORS AND USE THEREOF FOR  
IDENTIFICATION OF TASTE COMPOUNDS

DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

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This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed July 23, 2003.

The petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the declaration of Robin Teskin attest a copy of the application was sent to non-signing inventor's last known address and non-signing inventor's legal representative. Additional attempts to contact the non-signing inventors went unanswered. The non-signing inventor's failure to respond to the application sufficiently establishes that he refuses to execute the application papers.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-0251.

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